## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for support of bi-directional text in legacy applications is disclosed. The method may be used in different embodiments for either monospace or proportionally spaced fonts. In general, the method involves first flipping all of the text, and thereby putting most of the text into its proper position and orientation. The method then involves finding any foreign (left-to-right) text within the flipped text, and flipping it back.